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authorization to offer a baccalaureate degree and by allowing the State Board of Education to increase fees for private postsecondary career schools by up to 20 percent for fiscal years '03-04, '04-05, and '05-06. Beginning with the year '06-07, the State Board would be allowed to establish fees after consultation with an advisory council sufficient to cover the total cost of administration, except that the fees would not be allowed to exceed 110 percent of the previous year's total cost. So this is not a concept that is new to you. We are using fees as a part of the mechanisms or tools to deal with the fiscal situation we find ourselves in, and in this particular case, those fees would involve private postsecondary career schools, which are regulated in the state. So if you have any questions, I would be happy to address them. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. The opening on AM1349 offered by the Education Committee. Open for discussion. There are no lights on, Senator Raikes. Did you wish to close?

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will just mention that I'm told the fiscal note, the impact would be \$80,000. So if that's of interest to anyone, that's the information I have. Other than that, I would urge your adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on AM1349 offered by the Education Committee. The question before the body is, shall those amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Education Committee to LB 685. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill? Mr. Clerk. Back to discussion of the bill, itself. There are no lights on. Senator Raikes, do you wish to close?